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UHGN!

UGH!

NIGMA.
I KNOW WHAT HE'S DOIN'. WHAT HE'S GOT PLANNED.
WHAT?
THEY ALL RECKON I AIN'T SMART, BUT I AIN'T *STUPID,* NEITHER. FOLLOWED YOUR CAR AN' EVERY-THING.
I KNOW HOW YOU CAN STOP HIM. HE AIN'T AS QUICK AS HE THINKS HE IS. I WANT THE RIDDLER TO PAY.
WHERE IS SHE?

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THE SCROLL OF MINOS.
AN ANCIENT AND PRICELESS PARCHMENT SAID TO HAVE BEEN PENNED BY DAEDALUS HIMSELF, OFFERING THE ONLY KNOWN PLANS FOR THE FABLED LABYRINTH OF THE MINOTAUR.
REALLY?
THE DYNASTY OF MINOS WAS REFERRED TO AS THE "HOUSE OF THE DOUBLE AX." "LABYRINTH" STEMS FROM THE WORD "LABRYS," ITSELF MEANING "DOUBLE AX."
WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, IS SEEN AS A SYMBOL OF FEMININE POWER.
HOW FASCINATING!

AND NOT AT ALL SOUNDING AS THOUGH YOU'D MEMORIZED IT FROM A PAMPHLET.
I'D HOPE NOT, I HAPPEN TO BE A PROFESSOR HERE.
REMARKABLE. STUNNING AND SMART.
I SIMPLY DON'T WISH TO LEAVE, I FEEL AS THOUGH THE LONGER I STAY, THE MORE YOU'LL IMPRESS ME.
BE THAT AS IT MAY, YOU WILL NEED TO LEAVE. THE MUSEUM WILL BE CLOSING SHORTLY, AND THIS SECTION IS ABOUT TO BE SEALED TIGHT FOR THE EVENING.
I SEE. SO BREAKING IN AFTER HOURS IS TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION, THEN?
A BETTER IDEA...
...SINCE YOU'LL BE FINISHED FOR THE EVENING, YOU SIMPLY MUST TELL ME MORE ABOUT THESE OLD GREEK FELLOWS...
...WHILE I, OF COURSE, WILL SPEND LUDICROUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON DINNER AND WINE.
YOU ACT AS THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A SAY IN THIS.
OF COURSE YOU DO, DEAR. NOW, COME ALONG.

THEN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "DIGGING ABOUT"?!
EDWARD! PLEASE, CALM YOURSELF!
THESE FILES CAME TO ME BY WAY OF A CONTACT I HAVE WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. I MEANT NO ILL WILL.
I HAD MERELY HOPED TO DISCOVER A CLUE. PERHAPS SOME IDEA AS TO WHY THE FULL WIDTH AND BREADTH OF YOUR INTELLECT HADN'T BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISCOVERED.
I JUST COULD NOT FOR THE LIFE OF ME UNDERSTAND HOW YOU MANAGED TO GO THROUGH THE WORLD WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF THIS.
SURELY YOU HAD SOME SORT OF OUTLET, SOME WAY TO CHANNEL YOUR ABILITIES.
"YOU MUST HAVE GONE MAD WITHOUT SOME FORM OF MENTAL RELEASE."

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"HOWEVER, ONE LOOK AT THESE FILES AND MY CONCERN DEEPENED.
"YOUR SCHOOL HAD DONE TESTS, EDWARD, AT AN EARLY AGE. TESTS DESIGNED TO DO EXACTLY WHAT THEY, IN THIS INSTANCE, MANAGED TO ACCOMPLISH
EDWARD NASHTON
"TO UNCOVER AND IDENTIFY THOSE WITH SPECIAL GIFTS."
TESTS? I DON'T. THERE WEREN'T ANY TESTS.
THERE WERE, EDWARD TESTS, GAMES, PUZZLES, ALL DESIGNED TO REVEAL SUCH THINGS
I REMEMBER A PUZZLE ONCE I
PUZZLE COMPETITION Tomorrow
NO
YOU WERE DISCOVERED AS HAVING A RE-MARKABLY HIGH I Q AT AN EARLY AGE. THE BEGINNINGS OF A CHILD PROTÉGÉ
HOWEVER YOUR ABILITIES, THEY WERE REPRESSED QUASHED IMMEDIATELY
WHAT? WHY, WHY WOULD THE SCHOOL DO THAT?
NOT THE SCHOOL, EDWARD, YOUR PARENTS.

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THANK YOU! -:COUGH:- THANK YOU, YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
I KNOW.
"NOSY REPORTER" MAY BE A BADGE OF HONOR IN METROPOLIS, BUT IN GOTHAM IT'S A DEATH SENTENCE.
GO HOME
AREN'T YOU AT LEAST GOING TO HELP ME UP?
EDEET
EDEET

WELL, HELLO!
MUST KEEP THIS BRIEF. ENTERTAINING A DELIGHTFULLY DELICIOUS YOUNG WOMAN AT PRESENT, PROFESSOR OF SOMETHING OR OTHER..
OH, HELLO! KARA, DEAR. HAD A GOOD SOAK, DID WE?
IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE, OLD BOY. THE WATCHES HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED AND HAVE A TEN METER RADIUS. ONE IS THE DETONATOR, THE OTHER THE BOMB.
EXCEED THE TEN METER LIMIT OR TAMPER WITH EITHER OF THE WATCHES AND YOU'LL HEAR A VERY LOUD NOISE.
BEFORE BEING FORCED TO SCATTER YOURSELVES OVER A WIDE AREA.
SHOULD MAKE THINGS INTERESTING, DON'T YOU THINK?
MUST BE OFF DO HAVE FUN!
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UNBELIEVABLY PERFECT.
HE PLANNED ALL THIS?! MY GOD, HE'S INCREDIBLE!
OSCAR
YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR TUNE. WHAT HAPPENED TO "PATHETIC?"
I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE WATCH, I SWEAR
HE KIDNAPS DR. DALLAWAY, WHY? TERRORIZES KOUGHUN SEEMINGLY TO LEAD ME SOMEWHERE WHICH, IN TURN, ENDS UP BEING A WILD-GOOSE CHASE...
THEN ALMOST BLOWS ME TO KINGDOM COME, YET OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO DIE.
WHAT ABOUT ALMOST DROWNING ME?
I'M GOING ABOUT THIS ALL WRONG
HOLD ON.

THEY KNEW, EDWARD. IT SAYS IT RIGHT HERE. THEY REJECTED YOUR TESTS AND--
AGAIN WITH THE TESTS! THERE WEREN'T ANY TESTS!
THERE WAS A PUZZLE ONCE, A GAME, BUT .THAT ISN'T IT. I. I CHEATED TO WIN.
YOU CAN'T CHEAT ON THESE TESTS, EDWARD. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE, DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
I DID!
YOU COULDN'T HAVE!
I CHEATED, I DIDN'T PASS, I...
YOU CHEATED!
..CHEATED.

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NO! DAD PLEASE!
YOU AIN'T SMART! YOU CHEATED, DIDN'T YOU!
NO! PLEASE. I DIDN'T... DAD!
YOU AIN'T SMART! YOU'RE WORTHLESS! YOU CHEATED!
NO!
YOU DID! YOU CHEATED! YOU COULDN'TA DONE THIS!
YOU CHEATED!
YOU CHEATED!
YOU CHEATED!
DIDN'T YOU!
DAD. .I'M SORRY.
ANSWER ME!
YOU'RE WORTHLESS! YOU AIN'T AMOUNTIN' TA NUTHIN'!
S.. SORRY.. I'M SORRY, DAD...I CHEATED.
Y YES YES

GOD...OH, GOD.
EDWARD, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE, EDWARD, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
YOU CONVINCED YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU? MY GOD. YOU CONVINCED YOURSELF YOU'D CHEATED.
YOU'RE NOT WORTHLESS, EDWARD. YOU'RE GIFTED, SPECIAL.
YOU'LL BE OKAY, SON. EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY.
THE HUMAN MIND AND OUR PAST CAN OFTEN BE THE GREATEST PUZZLE. I'M GLAD I COULD HELP IN SOLVING THIS ONE.
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE. IN TIME YOU'LL SEE THE POSSIBILITIES.
IN TIME?
PROFESSOR, I CAN SEE IT ALL, RIGHT NOW.
THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS.
NOW, DON'T EVER LOOK INTO MY PAST AGAIN.

NOW
NATHAN. A WORD
WH. WHAT? HOW DO YOU GET *IN* HERE?
YOU'VE BEEN UNTRUTHFUL, NATHAN. I'D APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF THIS STOPPED.
TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW. *ALL* OF IT.
AND PLEASE, DON'T TRY MY PATIENCE.

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I, UH.. GOD... I OWN A BUILDING IN THE CITY. MY BUSINESS IS LOCATED THERE WE HANDLE FINANCE, THAT SORT OF THING.
THE VAULT IS VERY LARGE, UNDERGROUND. IT'S CONNECTED, YOU SEE, TO THE MUSEUM. THE VAULT SHARES A WALL WITH THE LOWER SECTIONS.
HE CAME HERE, MAKING HORRIBLE THREATS. HE WANTED ACCESS. BUT IT'S NOT THE MONEY HE WANTS, HE WANTS ACCESS TO THE MUSEUM.
BY CUTTING THROUGH, HE'LL BYPASS MOST OF THEIR SECURITY.
HE MADE THREATS. BUT HE DIDN'T THREATEN *YOUR* LIFE, DID HE, NATHAN?
NO.
NO. WHO THEN?
HE SAID HE'D.
WHO?
HE FOUND OUT. I...I'VE BEEN HAVING AN AFFAIR

THEN...

NOW
YOU WERE CHEATING?
FOR YEARS NOW.
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT HE FOUND OUT. HE SAID HE'D. HE'D KILL HIM IF I DIDN'T DO AS HE SAID.
DR. DALLAWAY. YOU'RE HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH BRENDAN DALLAWAY.
YES.. YES..
IF NEWS GOT OUT...IF ANYONE KNEW...
I'D BE RUINED, INSTANTLY.

I LOVE HIM, GOD, HE'S THE PERSON I CARE *MOST* ABOUT IN THIS WORLD. I'D JUST *DIE* IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM.
HARRIS.
OH, RIGHT. SORRY.
HE PROMISED HE'D LET HIM GO UNHARMED IF I LET HIM INTO THE VAULT AND KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT
THERE'S NO REASON TO FEAR ANY LONGER, MR KOUGHUN.
NOT NOW, WHEN I KNOW WHERE HE'LL BE.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
NEW RIDDLER OR OLD, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.

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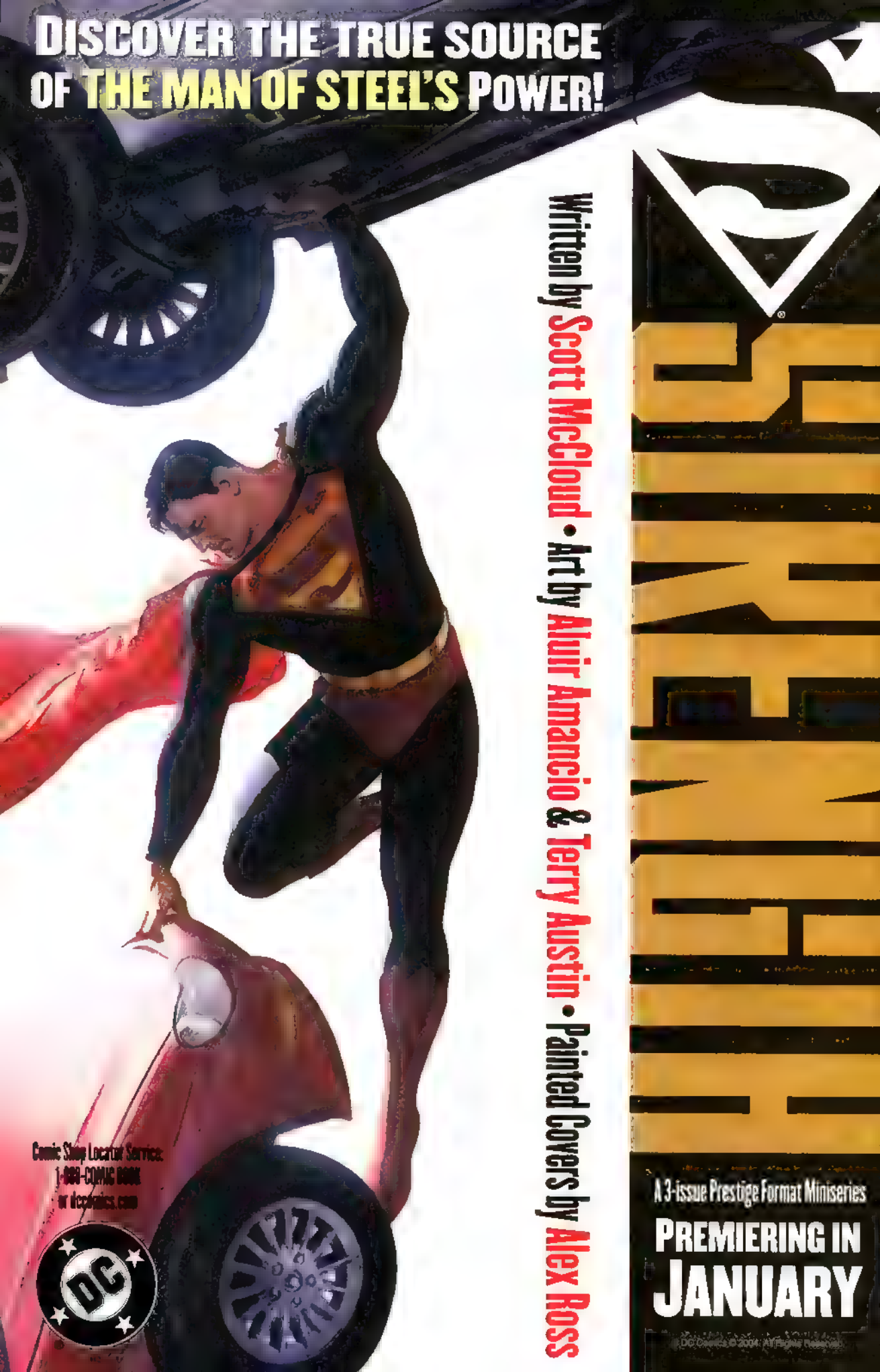

THIS ENDS NOW.
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Next Month in...

Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight #188

Edward Nashton's terrible secret is revealed, at last, to Professor Buttery. Will the good doctor live to tell the tale? Don't miss chapter four of "Riddle Me That!"

SECOND THUNDER (March, 2005):

BATMAN and OUTSIDERS scribe **Judd Winick** strikes again, this time directly into the Super-books. Paired with artistic fan faves **Ian Churchill** and **Norm Rapmund**, Judd and Superman kick off what's guaranteed to be a banner year for *Wizard* magazine's "Character to Watch" in 2005, Captain Marvel. That is, provided the World's Mightiest Mortal and the Man of Steel survive the booming impact felt after literally getting on Eclipso's bad side! Expect ACTION COMICS #826, ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #639, and SUPERMAN #216 to generate serious noise this spring (and check back here later for details on Judd's upcoming four-issue prequel, SUPERMAN/SHAZAM!: FIRST THUNDER)!

The Hot List THIS WEEK

GREEN ARROW #46

The debut of new series art team Tom Fowler (CAPER) and Rodney Ramos (GREEN LANTERN) and cover artist James Jean (BATGIRL)! Get ready for a Team Green road trip! Ollie and one of his cohorts hit the West Coast to visit the Teen Titans!

JSA #69

Part 2 of the 5-part "JSA/JSA," featuring a painted cover by Alex Ross! In 1951, can today's JSAers convince their Golden Age counterparts to return to a life of crime-fighting?

NIGHTWING #101

Writers Chuck Dixon and Scott Beatty join forces with artists Scott McDaniel and Andy Owens for the biweekly 6-part story "Nightwing: Year One!" A shattered Dick Grayson looks back at his early years, starting with his last caper as Robin!

IDENTITY CRISIS CONTROL

The chaotic consequences of the just-concluded IDENTITY CRISIS still have us reeling, so we can just imagine how you must feel. Now it's safe to bring you up to speed concerning where certain events fit in to last year's acclaimed miniseries. Taken from the top, the green-and-purple armor that was the centerpiece of IC #1 resurfaces in **TEEN TITANS** #20, while the more-evil-than-we-knew Dr. Light returns in #21-23. The repercussions of Light's brainwashing are felt in **THE FLASH** #214-216, as well as in this month's **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN** #636. **FLASH** #217 features the funeral of Captain Boomerang, whose death, along with those of Robin's father Jack Drake and Firestorm Ronnie Raymond, was part of the pivotal IC #5. That issue also tied into the events of **FIRESTORM** #1 (which came out before **IDENTITY CRISIS** even began!), **JSA** #67, and **MANHUNTER** #5. Robin begins dealing with his father's death in **ROBIN** #132, and the Shadow Thief's trial for Firestorm's murder unfolds in **MANHUNTER** #7-9. All these issues are just the beginning, as the events and themes of **IDENTITY CRISIS** will play out across the DC Universe throughout 2005 and beyond!

CATWOMAN'S NEW GROOMERS

Gotham City's East End welcomes two new neighbors: **Will Pfeifer**, who made critically acclaimed waves writing **AQUAMAN** last year, and **Pete Woods**, whose work on **DETECTIVE COMICS** was clear-cut evidence of his status among the premier Bat-artists today. We're thrilled that Will and Pete are the new creative team on **CATWOMAN**, starting with issue #43, though we suspect a more "catty" reaction from Selina Kyle, especially when she learns of the "less desirables" accompanying them – chief among them Hush from **GOTHAM KNIGHTS**, plus an all-too-familiar face (if you can call it that) from Selina's past! The fur flies this May!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

Just in case that title doesn't say it all, allow us: the Eisner award-winning team – yes, we mean writers **Keith Giffen** and **J.M. DeMatteis**, artists **Kevin Maguire** and **Josef Rubinstein**, and the heroes "Formerly Known as the Justice League" – have regrouped for six more chapters of high adventure and *high*-larity in **JLA: CLASSIFIED** #4-9. And if having the world's greatest strip-mall heroes endure a living hell of old friends, bad neighbors and…well, Hell…isn't enough, we also guarantee a tall tale that's *G'nort* one to be missed this June! Consider yourselves warned!

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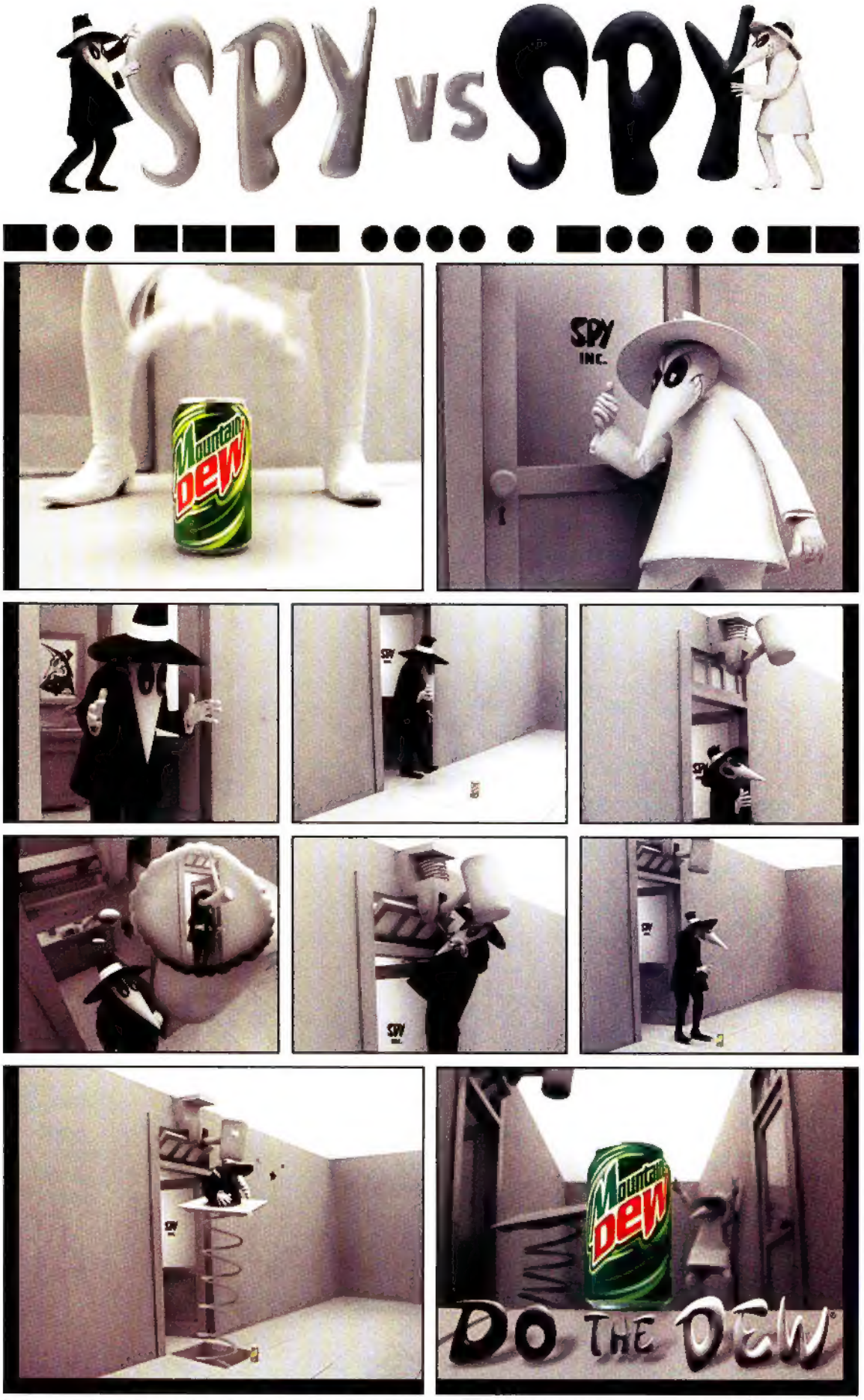

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